

**MARCH 7, 2000 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
MAJOR DATES FOR CANDIDATE FILING**

Friday,
October 1, 1999
to
Monday,*
November 29, 1999
(158 - 103 days)

Signature In Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions

Between these dates, candidates may receive forms for securing signatures in lieu of paying the required filing fee. Candidates may submit the appropriate number of signatures to cover all or any pro rata portion of the filing fee. Upon receipt of the signatures, nomination papers will be issued provisionally. If the number of valid signatures falls below the number required, the Elections Official will notify the candidate and allow the candidate to secure additional signatures to cover the invalid signatures at any time prior to the close of filing nomination papers. The last day to file in lieu petitions for State Constitutional Offices, State Senate and Assembly, and Judicial candidates is November 10, 1999, when the Declaration of Intention must be filed. (E. C. 8061, 8105, 8106)

Monday,
November 1, 1999
to
Wednesday,
November 10, 1999
(127 - 118 days)

Declaration of Intention

Between these dates, candidates for state constitutional offices, state senate and assembly, and judicial offices must file a Declaration of Intention, in duplicate, and pay the filing fee or submit signatures in lieu of the fee at the time of filing. Forms are available from the County Elections Office. A copy of the Declaration of Intention by Superior Court candidates will be forwarded to the Secretary of State (without filing fee). **Filing fees are nonrefundable.** (E. C. 8022, 8023, 8103-8106, 8350)

Thursday,
November 11, 1999
to
Monday,
November 15, 1999
(117 - 113 days)

Declaration of Intention - Extension Period

For state constitutional offices, state senate and assembly, and judicial offices where the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention, persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention no later than November 15, 1999. The extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent to be elected (such as offices affected by term limits.) (E. C. 8022, 8023)

Monday,
November 15, 1999
to
Friday,
December 10, 1999
(113 - 88 days)

Nomination Papers

Between these dates, candidates may circulate nomination papers and file them with the County Elections Office. Candidates may obtain signatures to and sign their own nomination papers. All candidates, other than candidates for state, senate, assembly, and judicial offices must pay the filing fee, or submit signatures in lieu of the fee if the in lieu period has not passed, at the time they take out their nomination papers. (E. C. 8020-8107, 10407)

*Legal date is a holiday, extended to the next business day.

Monday,
November 15, 1999
to
Friday,
December 10, 1999
(113 - 88 days)

Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

Candidates for nonpartisan office may at the time of filing nomination papers, file a 200-word statement of their education and qualifications. Candidate's Statements may be withdrawn but not changed during the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Candidates for **judicial** office are limited to the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and shall not make reference to other candidates or qualifications, character or activities.
(E. C. 13307, 13308)

Monday,
November 15, 1999
to
Friday,
December 10, 1999
(113 - 88 days)

Statement of Economic Interests

Candidates for state constitutional offices, state senate and assembly, judge, city council and board of supervisors shall file an original Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests when the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. Such statement is not required if the candidate has filed a statement for the same jurisdiction pursuant to Government Code Section 87202 or 87203 within 60 days prior to the filing of the Declaration of Candidacy. (G. C. 87201)

Wednesday,
December 15, 1999
(83 days)

Nomination Papers - Extension of Time

Note: The extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent to be elected (such as offices affected by term limits.)

State constitutional offices, state senate and assembly: If an incumbent fails to qualify for nomination by December 10, 1999, after filing the Declaration of Intention, an additional five days is allowed for filing nomination papers by any qualified person, other than the incumbent, notwithstanding nonfiling of the Declaration of Intention.

Judge: If an incumbent judge dies on or before December 10, 1999, or has failed to file nomination papers, an additional five days is allowed for filing nomination papers by any qualified person, other than the incumbent, notwithstanding nonfiling of the Declaration of Intention.

County, City, or District: If an incumbent county, city or district officer fails to qualify for nomination by December 10, 1999, an additional five days is allowed for filing nomination papers by any qualified person, other than the incumbent.
(E. C. 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407)

Wednesday,
December 15, 1999
(83 days)

Petition Requesting Election (Schools & Special Districts Only)

If there are insufficient candidates, then no election will be held in the district (or division or trustee area) unless by this date a petition has been filed with the Elections Office requesting an election be held that is signed by 10% or 50 voters in the district, division, or trustee area, whichever is smaller.
(E. C. 10515, Ed. C. 5326)

Thursday,
December 16, 1999
(82 days)

Randomized Alphabet

On this date at 11:00 a.m., the Secretary of State will hold a drawing of the randomized alphabet to determine the order of candidates on the ballot.
(E. C. 13112)

Saturday,
January 1, 2000
to
Monday,
January 31, 2000
(66-37 days)

Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

Between these dates, file campaign statements with the County Clerk/Elections Office (candidates for city office file with their city clerk), in duplicate, for the period covering the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, 1999 if no previous statement was filed, through December 31, 1999.
(G. C. 84200)

Monday,
January 10, 2000
(57 days)

First Day To File As a Write-In Candidate

The filing period to file as a write-in candidate begins on the 57th day before the election. No filing fee is required. (E. C. 8600-8604, 15351)

Sunday,
January 23, 2000
to
Thursday,
January 27, 2000
(44 - 40 days)

1st Pre-Election Campaign Statement

Between these dates, file campaign statements with the County Clerk/Elections Office (candidates for city office file with their city clerk) in duplicate, for candidates and committees in support or opposition of candidates or measures, for the period covering January 1, 2000 through January 22, 2000.
(G. C. 84200.8)

Monday,
February 7, 2000
(29 days)

Absent Voter Ballot

First day to apply for an absent voter ballot.
(E. C. 3001)

Monday,
February 7, 2000
(29 days)

Close of Registration

Last day to register to vote for this election.
(E. C. 2107)

Sunday,
February 20, 2000
to
Thursday,
February 24, 2000
(16 - 12 days)

2nd Pre-Election Campaign Statement

Between these dates, file campaign statements with the County Elections Office, in duplicate, for candidates and committees in support or opposition of candidates or measures, for the period covering January 23, 2000 through February 19, 2000. The second pre-election campaign statement must be sent by guaranteed overnight mail or delivered in person. (G. C. 84200.8)

Sunday,
February 20, 2000
to
Monday,
March 6, 2000
(16 - 1 days)

Late Contribution Period

Any contribution totaling \$1,000 or more made or received during this period **must** be reported within 24 hours of the time it is received or made. It shall be reported by facsimile transmission, telegram, guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery. The Fresno County Clerk/Elections Fax number is (559) 488-3279. (G. C. 84203)

Tuesday,
February 22, 2000
(14 days)

Last Day To File As a Write-In Candidate

Every person who desires to be a write-in candidate shall file a declaration of candidacy and nomination papers no later than the 14th day before the election.
(E. C. 8600, 8601)

Tuesday,
February 29, 2000
(7 days)

Absent Voter Ballot

Last day to apply to receive an absent voter ballot by mail.
(E. C. 3001)

Tuesday,
March 7, 2000

Election Day

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
(E. C. 14212)

Saturday,
July 1, 2000
to
Monday,
July 31, 2000

Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

Between these dates, file campaign statements with the County Clerk/Elections office (candidates for city office file with their city clerk), in duplicate, for the period covering the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, 2000 if no previous statement was filed, through June 30, 2000.
(G. C. 84200)

NOTE: Written Authorization From Candidate: A candidate may, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designate a person to receive a declaration of candidacy form from the county elections official and deliver it to the candidate. Such statement shall include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the county elections official of the county of the candidate's residence by the end of the filing period. Such statement shall be retained by the county elections official. (E. C. 8028)

**CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FILING SCHEDULE
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<u>TYPE OF STATEMENT</u>	<u>PERIOD COVERED *</u>	<u>FILING DUE DATES</u>
SEMI-ANNUAL	* through DEC. 31, 1999	JAN. 1 - JAN 31, 2000
1ST PRE-ELECTION	** through JAN. 22, 2000	JAN. 23 - JAN. 27, 2000
2ND PRE-ELECTION***	JAN. 23 - FEB. 19, 2000	FEB. 20 - FEB. 24, 2000
SEMI-ANNUAL	FEB. 20 - JUNE 30, 2000	JULY 1 - JULY 31, 2000

*The period covered by this statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, **or** January 1, 1999 if no previous statement has been filed.

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***The 2nd pre-election statement must be sent by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery by candidates being voted upon in the election, their controlled committees and committees primarily formed to support candidates or measures being voted upon in the election.

WARNING: Government Code Section 91013(a) states: If any person files an original statement or report after any deadline imposed by this act, he shall, in addition to any other penalties or remedies established by this act, be liable in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) per day after the deadline until the statement or report is filed, to the officer with whom the statement or report is required to be filed". There are no provisions in the law for extensions of the due dates.